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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

KELLY ANN JUNIOR, VICTORIA OZERSKAYA, ANNA SANCHEZ, JOAN STAMPER, AND ON BEHALF OF ALL HOLDERS OF ENHANCED VOUCHERS SIMILARLY SITUATED IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, HOUSING PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT CORP., HOUSING URBAN DEVELOPMENT, HUDSONVIEW TERRACE, INC., JOHN DOES AND JANE DOES AS FICTITIOUS AND YET TO BE IDENTIFIED,

Defendants.

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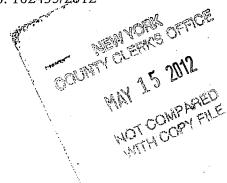
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from the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, Index No. 102435/2012



Defendant United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), by its attorney, Preet Bharara, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, hereby removes the above-captioned action to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The grounds for removal are as follows:

1. HUD, an agency of the United States, was named as a defendant in a civil action filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York. A true and correct copy of

the state court complaint with attachments is annexed hereto as Exhibit A.

- 2. In the complaint, plaintiffs allege that defendant HUD is negligent in its training and supervision of defendants City of New York and Housing and Preservation Development Corp. with regard to their construction and implementation of federal statutes and regulations. *See* Exhibit A ¶ 32. Accordingly, this complaint should be construed as asserting a tort claim pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act ("FTCA"), 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346, 2671-2680.
- 3. Under the FTCA, this action is removable pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2679(d)(2). Because plaintiff's claim against HUD is brought against an agency of the United States, this action may also be removed to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1442(a)(1).
- 4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2679(d), the action is deemed to have been brought against the United States and the United States should be substituted for HUD as the defendant in this action, and this action must be removed to this Court.
 - 5. The trial in this action has not commenced.
- 6. Accordingly, this action is properly being removed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2679(d)(2), 1442(a), and 1446(a).
- 7. The submission of this notice of removal is solely for the special purpose of removing this action to the appropriate federal court and is not a general appearance by any defendant. This submission does not constitute a waiver of any defense available to the defendant, including any defense under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Dated: New York, New York

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Respectfully submitted,

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